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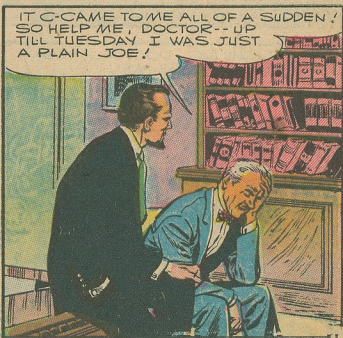
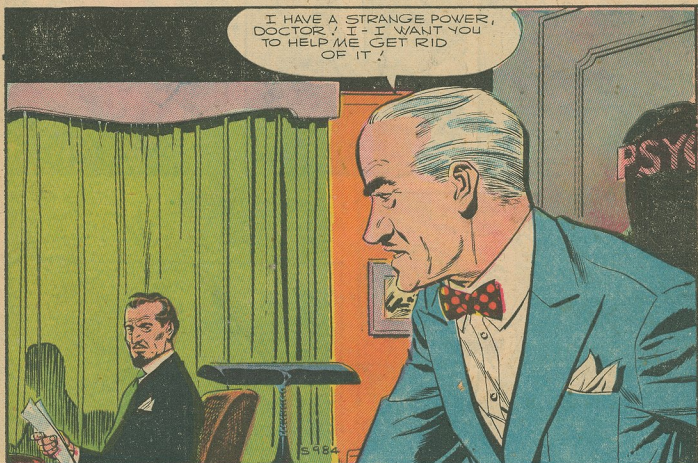
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Executive Editor

The STRANGE POWER



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BUT THEN ON TUESDAY, THE POWER (508) CAME TO ME...



"... I WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET, WHEN I SAW THIS FRUIT PEDDLER...



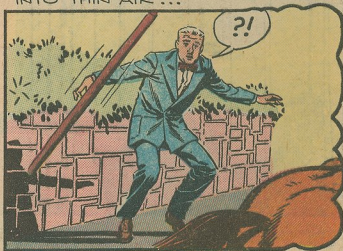
... I'M A SHRIMP, DOCTOR-- AND THIS PEDDLER WAS A BIG BRUTE...



...THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO BUT STAND THERE AND GLARE AT HIM...



... AND THAT'S WHEN THE POWER FIRST WENT TO WORK / ALL I HAD DONE WAS GLARE AT THAT PEDDLER -- BUT THAT WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM VANISH INTO THIN AIR...



YOU'RE SMILING, DOCTOR... YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME / WELL, I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT MYSELF AT FIRST...



"... BUT THE NEXT DAY, WEDNESDAY ...

L-LOOK AT THAT BULLY!



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...I SWEAR, DOCTOR, I DID NOTHING BUT GLARE AT HIM...



...AND IT HAPPENED AGAIN...



THERE WERE WITNESSES THIS TIME, DOCTOR! THE STRANGE POWER REALLY WORKS! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET ANGRY AT SOMEBODY AND... GLARE AT HIM... AND -- PFFT -- HE VANISHES!



I-I DON'T WANT THE POWER, DOCTOR! IT'S TOO BIG, TOO STRONG FOR ME TO HANDLE... TOO MUCH OF A RESPONSIBILITY! THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE -- SO YOU COULD HELP ME GET RID OF IT!



WH - WHAT DO YOU THINK -- WILL YOU BE ABLE TO HELP ME?

HMPH... THE CURE IS SO SIMPLE, IT WILL ASTOUND YOU!

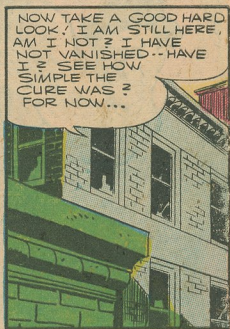


BUT FIRST YOU MUST KNOW THAT YOU SUFFER FROM AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX! AND THIS SO-CALLED POWER IS NOTHING BUT A DELUSION

THAT YOUR SUB-CONSCIOUS INVENTED TO GIVE YOU A FEELING OF GRANDEUR!



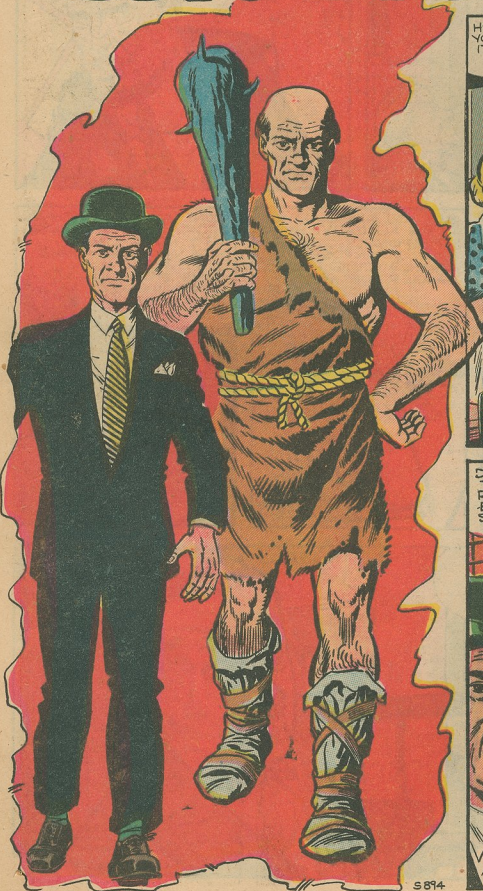
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IN HIS EVERYDAY LIFE, HERMAN PRINGLE WAS THE MODEL OF MILD DECORUM! BUT IN HIS INNERMOST DREAM, HE WAS A HULKING FEROCIOUS

CAVEMAN



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HOW LONG CAN A MAN LIVE WITH A DREAM THAT IS STRONGER THAN HIMSELF? AND SO, ONE NIGHT...



AFTER THE FIRST BLINDING FLASH, HE FELT DARKNESS DESCEND ON HIM LIKE A THICK CHOKING BLANKET--HE FELT HIMSELF FALLING...ENDLESSLY FALLING...



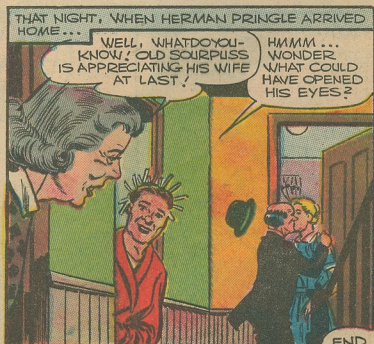
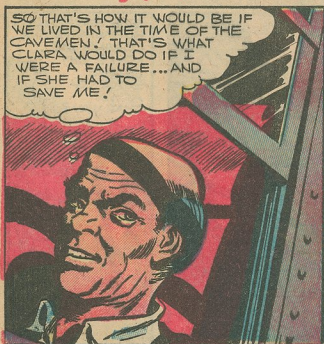
UNTIL AT LAST THE DARKNESS FADED...



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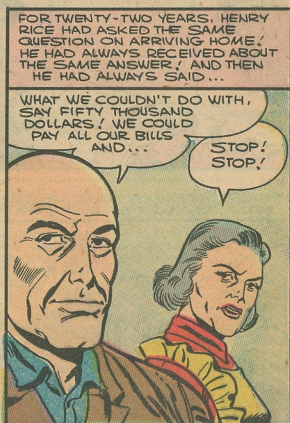
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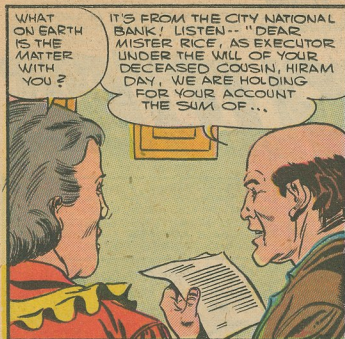
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IT HAPPENED TO HENRY RICE SO SUDDENLY, IT LEFT HIM GASPING. ONE MOMENT HE WAS A MODERN MACAUBER, LIVING ON DAYDREAMS, THE NEXT MINUTE THE DREAMS HAD COME TRUE!

NOT ALL GOLD GLITTERS



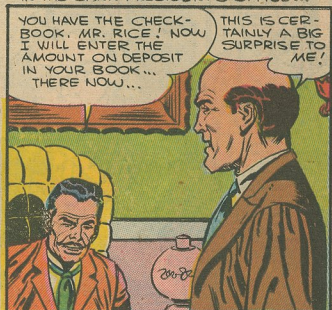
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THE NEXT MORNING, HENRY WENT TO CENTRAL CITY, A DISTANCE OF TWENTY MILES AND...




IN THE BANK PRESIDENT'S OFFICE...




HENRY DID NOT SLEEP WELL THAT NIGHT, AND WAS UP AT SUNRISE...



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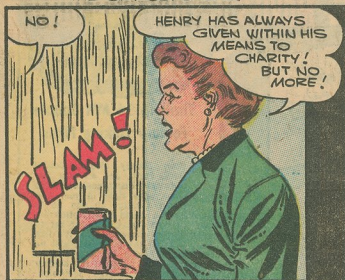
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BUT NOW THAT HIS DREAM HAD COME TRUE, SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HENRY RICE! EACH DAY HE GREW MORE MISERLY THAN THE DAY BEFORE...



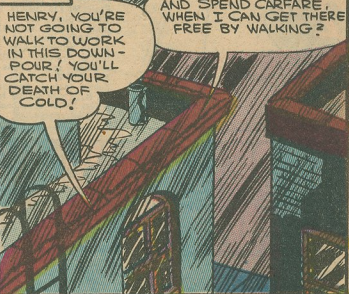
HE KEPT ON WORKING AT THE SAME MENIAL JOB...



AT HOME HE WAS EVEN MEANER! BREAD AND TEA BECAME THE USUAL MEAL FOR HIM AND HIS WIFE...



THEN, ONE DAY, DURING THE FOLLOWING FALL...



THEN, PLEASE WEAR YOUR OVERCOAT, AND BUY SOME RUBBERS ON THE WAY!

I'M ALL RIGHT, I TELL YOU! I'M OKAY! I WON'T SPEND THE MONEY AND I'M SAVING MY OVER-COAT!

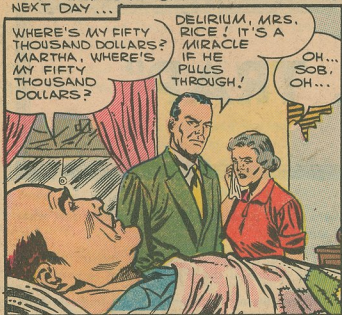


DARNED NONSENSE! I'M KEEPING THAT FIFTY-THOUSAND RIGHT WHERE IT WON'T BE SQUANDERED! HAVEN'T SPENT A CENT OF IT YET!

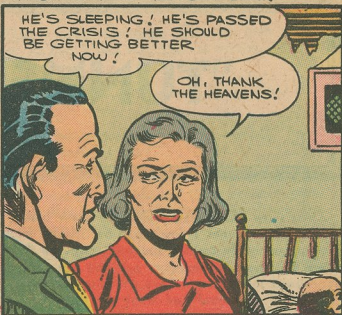


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HENRY WORKED ALL DAY IN HIS WET CLOTHES!
NEXT DAY ...



AND THEN, TEN DAYS LATER ...



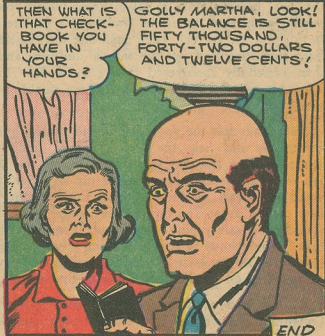
IN A FEW WEEKS, HENRY WAS WELL AGAIN.
THAT IS WHEN HE SAID ...



SO HENRY RICE HURRIED TO CENTRAL CITY THAT VERY DAY ...



HENRY HURRIED HOME ...



END

"TUNNEL TRAP"

There's an old saying about the grass being greener in the other fellow's pasture. Maybe we are fundamentally restless and want to be on the move. Put those two together and you can easily understand the desire to have adventure. We get bored with the usual and want the unusual. If you are willing to use your common sense you can at once spot a fallacy in this reasoning: After a while the unusual becomes the usual.

Ever look up into the air and see a fellow cleaning the window on the thirty-second floor of a skyscraper? You probably shudder a bit as you think of all the things that could happen to him. His strap might break, or he might get a dizzy spell. But what goes through his mind as he is up there and looks down and spots you? You might fall down an open sewer if you insist on looking up while crossing the street, or you might get hit by a car.

Yes, I have had my unusual experience. You don't have to go to Africa to get a bit of the unusual. You can get tired of facing dangers and want to settle on a little quiet farm. So, you just sit back and let me tell you my story.

The name is George Murry. When I received my diploma from high school I went to work for the local butcher store in town. From which you might gather that my father had been a butcher. In this you are correct. Then came the war. Uncle Sam called me and put me into a uniform, and then somebody discovered that I knew how to cut meat. Or did I put it down in my qualifications?

So I never left the good old United States, but I certainly did help to feed a lot of hungry soldiers. When the war was over I looked for a job. A large packing house made me an offer. I could sell meats for them to local butcher stores in a certain area. The proposition looked good. I would get a salary plus commission. It meant also that I would have to live in a small city and use that place as my base of operation. My territory consisted of all the butcher stores in that county.

At the end of four months I met Mildred Loughran. She worked in the bookkeeping depart-

ment of the packing house. I remember just what I said to her.

"I have two passes for the movies tonight. Double feature at the Palace. Want to come?"

Mildred wasn't the kind of a girl to waste a lot of words in coming to a decision. She just answered in a word with three letters.

"Yes."

So that's how I started keeping company with Mildred. Her hair was chestnut brown. The eyes were medium sized and a deep black. Her complexion was good and she dressed rather conservatively. Mildred was about two years younger than myself. I took her out on Wednesday nights, Saturday nights, and on Sunday afternoons. I remember distinctly something Mildred said to me after I brought her home from a dance.

"What's the matter, George? Sometimes even when you are next to me you seem to have a far far away look. As though you wanted to be somewhere else."

I laughed when she had finished sort of scolding me. She knew I loved her and that sooner or later we would both be married. But you have to give Mildred credit. She could sense the inner me—the ME that wouldn't grow up. The ME that wanted a bit of adventure before settling down.

"Shall we go exploring in Tibet?" she sort of challenged me. "Is there some unknown you must discover before you will be able to face the commonplace of life?"

There was no answer. I talked about going on a picnic that Sunday. We would leave early and go through Meadow County. Through the back roads and find some little brook with green trees. She prepared lunch and we left at seven that Sunday. The sun was in the sky and everything seemed bright. She half teased me.

"I hope you meet a dragon on the road. You can challenge him to a duel. At least I shall be with you to share your unusual experience." No truer words were ever uttered than that last sentence of hers!

We rode for about three hours and found the little brook. We had lunch there, and then the sky started to darken.

"We better start before it rains," I suggested. "I don't like driving in one of these country down-pours."

We were still on a back road, and headed for the main highway. I crossed an old wooden bridge. On the left of that bridge was a railroad track which entered a tunnel. Just one track. The kind that has trains go both ways. That means a timed schedule and probably only a few trains a day.

Then something happened to the steering wheel of my car, or something might have hit the bottom of my car. Just what happened is something about which I am a bit hazy. The car went right through the thin wooden railing of the bridge.

"We're crashing," shouted Mildred.

We landed right side up on the railroad track and went into that tunnel. The car bumped along the track and smashed into the wall. Part of the car roof bent inwards and wedged the both of us in the car as though we were prisoners. Somehow the car light inside went on and there was a bit of illumination.

"Are you hurt, Mildred?" were my first words.

"I don't know," she replied. "I don't feel any pain in my arms or legs. But I can't move them."

"We have to get out of here in a hurry," I sort of reminded myself. "This is a railroad tunnel. A train may come from either end of the tunnel. Guess it doesn't make much difference. Once it hits us, we're finished."

My chin was resting almost on top of the wheel. I pressed my chin down and it touched the horn band. The horn made its usual loud noise.

"That ought to attract attention and get us help," I said trying to reassure Mildred. For I couldn't move myself an inch in the car.

"No traffic cop around to hear you," Mildred replied in a weak effort to keep up my spirits. Then she added, "If the dragon were around now, maybe he would push the car out of the tunnel."

I haven't any idea of how long I tried blowing my horn. It grew weaker and weaker. The car light started to get dimmer. My battery was dying on me.

"Maybe they only have one train today," I said in an attempt to cheer Mildred.

"George, you know I love you," she said in a weak voice.

"And I love you, darling," I replied.

Then I heard the noise when we both were quiet. At first it was very faint as though it were far far away.

"Hear that bell or is it my imagination?" I asked.

"It's a locomotive bell," she speculated. "And it can't be very far away."

Then it grew louder. It wasn't our imaginations. The bell was real. I could feel those beads of perspiration forming on my forehead. They began to trickle down my face.

"Mildred," I pleaded, "See if you can budge a little. We just can't sit here and be smashed to pieces."

"Can't move at all," were her only words.

The horn of the car was now completely dead and that little light had ceased to shine. The locomotive would smash both of us. Yet there must be something I could do.

"Stop, stop," I shouted at the top of my voice as the ringing bell seemed upon us. I could feel the vibrations inside the tunnel. There was a light that began to shine. I struggled again to see if I could free myself. The entire tunnel became flooded with powerful light. The bell stopped ringing.

"Take it easy, you two in there," said a strange voice. "Just don't move. We'll get you out."

They cut the car open from the back and we were freed: Then they took us outside. We both were dazed. I shook my head as though to clear away the cobwebs. I saw the emergency wagon from the fire department.

"Good thing for you a kid saw your car go over and into the tunnel," said the Fire Chief. "He ran home and told his father. At first the father doubted what his son said, but he drove back here and saw where the car had gone over the bridge. He called us and here we are."

"You came in time," I thanked him. "We might have been smashed to pieces by a train."

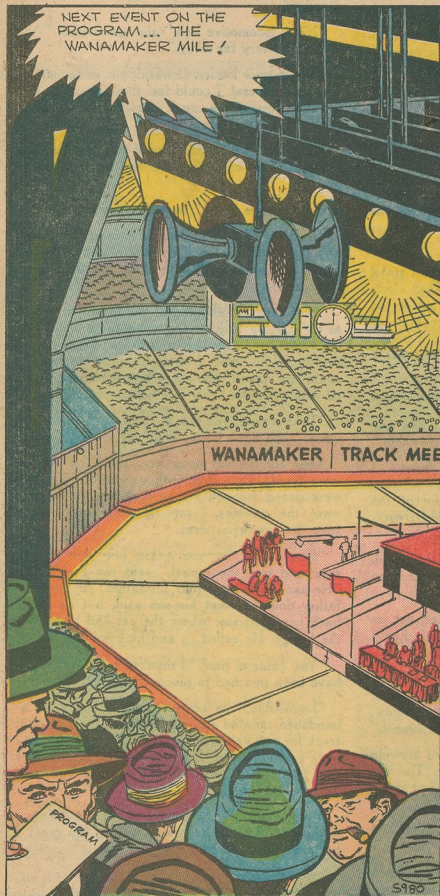
"Impossible," he corrected me. "That's an abandoned railroad section. No trains been on that track for five years, but something else. You might have just remained there for years. Nobody ever uses that old bridge. Guess the warning sign must have fallen down."

Mildred my wife is certain about one thing. I no longer have that far away look in my eyes! I had my unusual experience.

The MEMORABLE MILE

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1985, THE RECENTLY ENLARGED AND MODERNIZED MADISON SQUARE GARDEN WAS FILLED TO CAPACITY! AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THAT SPORTS ARENA, AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM RESULTED IN A STRANGE, PERVERSIVE SILENCE ...

NEXT EVENT ON THE PROGRAM... THE WANAMAKER MILE!



THE SPECTATORS HUNCHED FORWARD -- THEIR EYES WERE GLOWING ... BUT AS YET THEY MADE NO SOUND ...

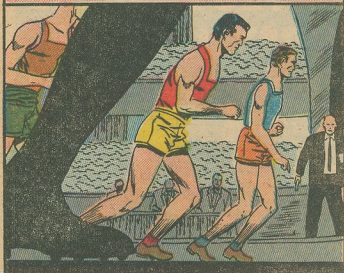


THEN IT STARTED -- THE FIRST FAINT PRIDEFUL WHISPERS... THEN THE FULL-THROATED ROAR OF SELF APPROVAL...

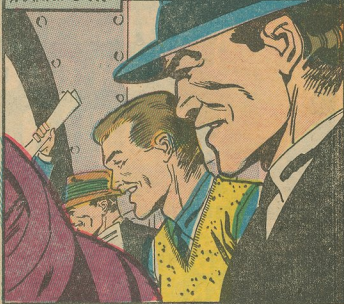


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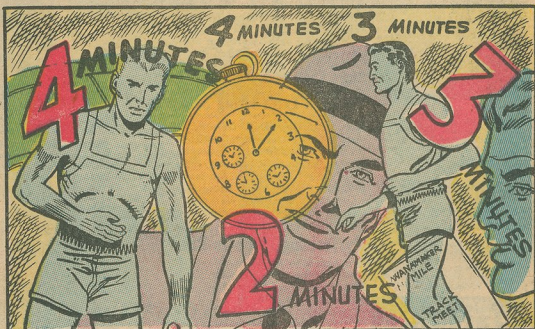
THE RUNNERS WERE APPROACHING THE STARTING LINE NOW-- BUT IT WAS NOT THE RUNNERS THAT THE SPECTATORS WERE CHEERING FOR...



...IT WAS FOR THEMSELVES... FOR ALL MANKIND...



YES--FOR ALL MANKIND! REMEMBER, THIS WAS 1985! YEARS AGO, AFTER ENDLESS STRIVING, THE MILE HAD BEEN RUN IN LESS THAN FOUR MINUTES. THEN, IN 1976 A MAN HAD RUN THE DISTANCE IN LESS THAN THREE MINUTES! AND NOW, TONIGHT, BECAUSE OF THE ASSEMBLAGE OF THE WORLD'S BEST RUNNERS, ALL SPECIALLY TRAINED FOR THIS EVENT, THERE WAS EVERY LIKELIHOOD THAT THE MILE WOULD BE RUN IN LESS THAN TWO MINUTES...



IT WAS UNDERSTANDABLE THEN THAT THE THROG SHOULD HAVE CHEERED THEMSELVES HOARSE! THAT, SHEDDING ALL HUMILITY, THEY SHOULD HAVE SEEN IN THAT NIGHT'S RACE A SYMBOLIZATION OF THE FACT THAT THERE WERE NO LIMITS TO MAN'S PHYSICAL CAPACITY! THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEGUN COMPARING THEMSELVES TO THE ANCIENT GODS.....



BUT THEN SUDDENLY, THE ARENA WAS SWEEPED BY A STARTLED GASP--

WH - WHO'S HE ? HE'S NOT LISTED ON THE PROGRAM! NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE!





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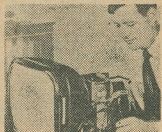
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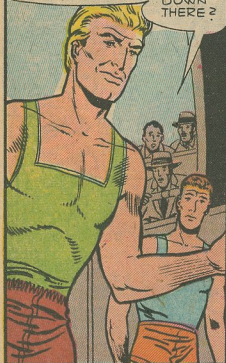
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AN UNKNOWN HAD APPEARED AMONG THE FAMOUS ATHLETES AT THE STARTING LINE...

HEY-- WHAT'S HE DOING DOWN THERE?

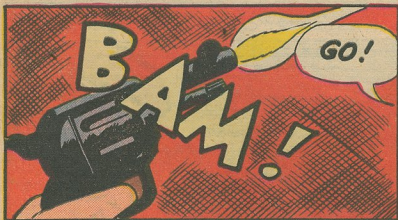
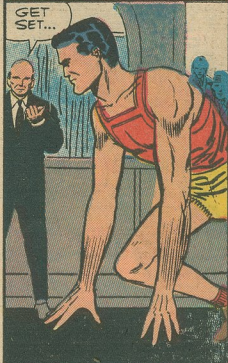


ON YOUR MARK...



THE CROWD ROARED ANGRILY FOR INSTEAD OF STRAINING FORWARD, THE UNKNOWN WAS STANDING UPRIGHT-- RELAXED, SMILING CASUALLY...

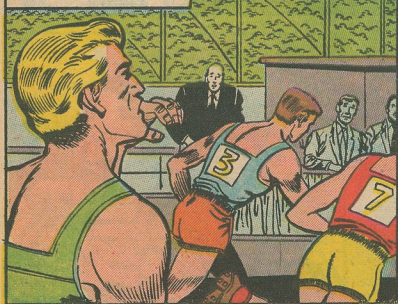
GET SET...



THE OTHERS WERE ALREADY ROUNDING THE FIRST TURN-- BUT NOT THE UNKNOWN...



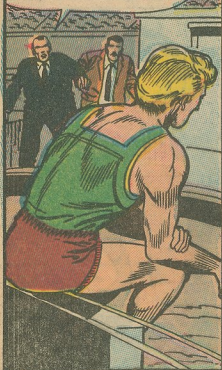
THE OTHERS WERE OFF TO A FLYING START--BUT NOT THE UNKNOWN--



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AND NOW THE OFFICIALS
COULD SEE HIM TOO...

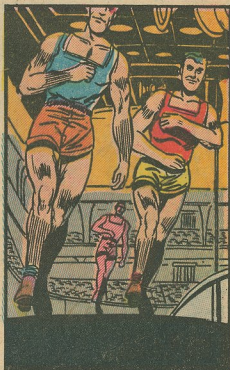
HEY, YOU-- GET OFF
THAT TRACK!



THE OTHERS KEPT GOING!
THEY KEPT MIRACULOUSLY
AVOIDING COLLISIONS WITH
THE UNKNOWN EVERYTIME
THEY CHURNED BY...



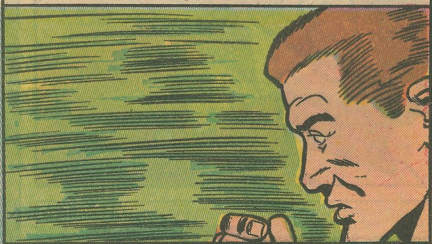
THEY WERE ON THE LAST
LAP NOW, AND THEY WERE
GOING SO FAST, IT WAS
INEVITABLE THAT THEY SHOULD
ALL FINISH UNDER TWO MINUTES.



BUT NOW THE UNKNOWN BE-
GAN TO RUN...



HE WAS SO FAST--THAT ALL THAT COULD BE SEEN WAS
A BLUR AS HE KEPT CIRCLING THE TRACK...



THE
OTHERS
WERE
STRAIN-
ING
FOR THE
TAPE NOW
WITH
EVERY
LAST
OUNCE OF
ENERGY!
THE
LEADER'S
CHEST
WAS
ONLY
INCHES
AWAY...



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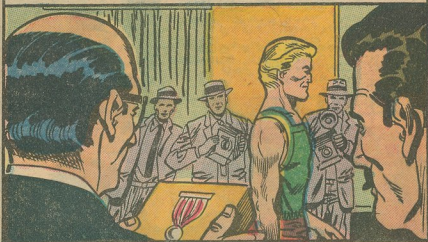
BUT THE UNKNOWN WHIZZED RIGHT BY HIM ... AND BROKE THE TAPE...



THE STRANGE PERVERSIVE SILENCE FILLED THE ARENA AGAIN...



DAZEDLY, THE OFFICIALS MOVED FORWARD TO GIVE THE UNKNOWN HIS MEDAL...



BUT THEN...

H-HE'S GONE!

HE WAS THERE A SPLIT-SECOND AGO-- BUT NOW HE'S GONE!



NO ONE COULD UNDERSTAND! BUT THEY WERE ALL CHASTENED NOW, ALL HUMBLE AS MEN SHOULD BE! AS THEY FILED OUT OF THE ARENA... NOT ONE OF THEM WAS SMILING...



BUT IN A NEARBY MUSEUM, A STATUE THAT HAD JUST RETURNED TO ITS PEDESTAL, WAS SMILING...

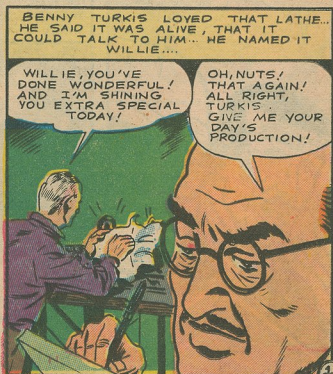
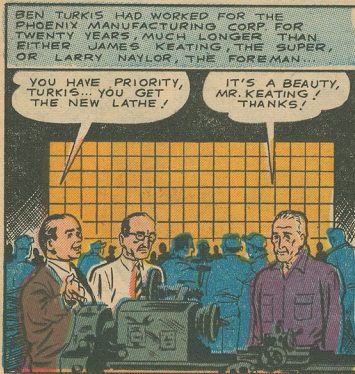
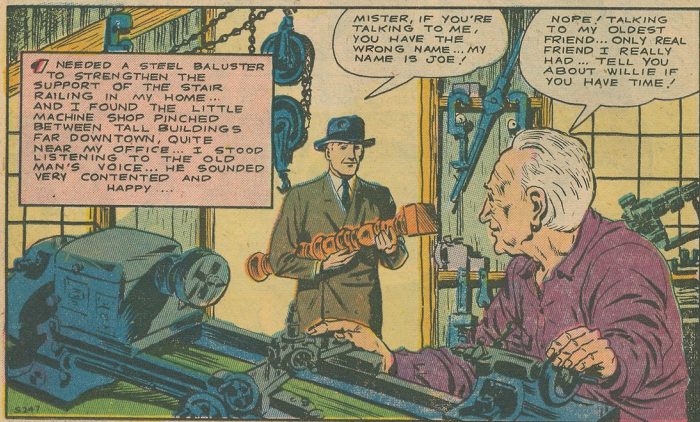


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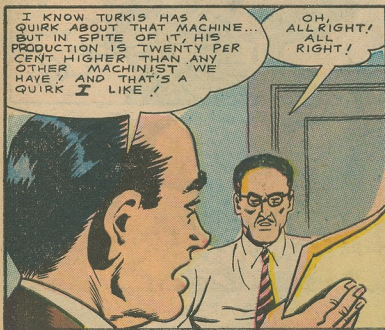
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I HEARD THE OLD MAN TALKING AS I ENTERED HIS SHOP... BUT I COULDN'T SEE THE PERSON TO WHOM HE WAS TALKING... THE PERSON HE CALLED

WILLIE!



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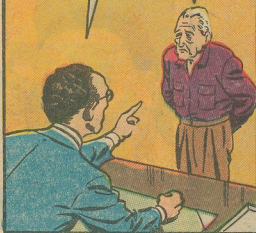


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FOR FIFTEEN YEARS, HOWEVER, LARRY NAYLOR PUT UP WITH BENNY TURKIS, ALL BECAUSE OF KEATING... THEN KEATING LEFT AND NAYLOR WAS MADE SUPERINTENDENT....

I WARN YOU! THE NEXT TIME WILLIE GETS SICK YOU ARE **THROUGH!**

WILLIE'S WILLIE, MR. NAYLOR! THAT'S ALL I KNOW!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

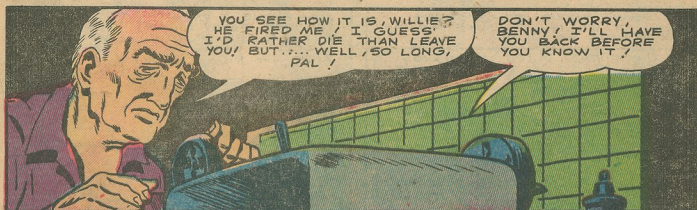
NO, I CAN'T TELL WILLIE TO WORK TODAY! HE'S TIRED... HE'S COMING DOWN WITH SOMETHING!

ALL RIGHT, TURKIS! I WARNED YOU! **YOU'RE FIRED!**



YOU SEE HOW IT IS, WILLIE? HE FIRED ME! I GUESS I'D RATHER DIE THAN LEAVE YOU! BUT.... WELL, SO LONG, PAL!

DON'T WORRY, BENNY, I'LL HAVE YOU BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



AND SO A NEW MAN WAS HIRED TO RUN WILLIE... THE VERY FIRST TIME WILLIE WAS STARTED....

TURN IT OFF! TURN THE LATHE OFF!

SCREEEEEE!
GRIND!



I THOUGHT YOU WERE A MACHINIST, YOU HAVE TO TIGHTEN A JIG BEFORE YOU START THE LATHE!

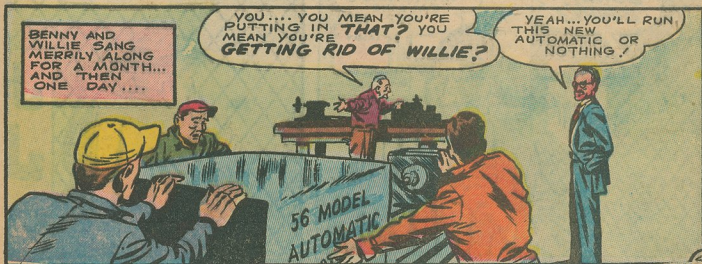
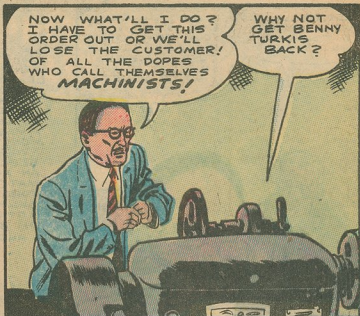
I TELL YOU I **DID** TIGHTEN THE JIG! DO YOU THINK I'M NUTS?



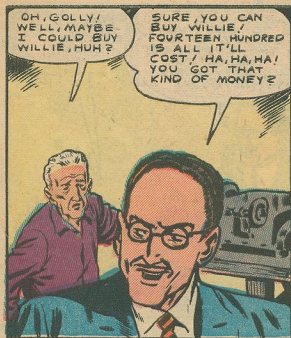
IT'S A STUBBORN NUT, THAT'S ALL! IT WON'T TURN! IT SLIPPED! THE WRENCH SLIPPED---
MY FINGERS!



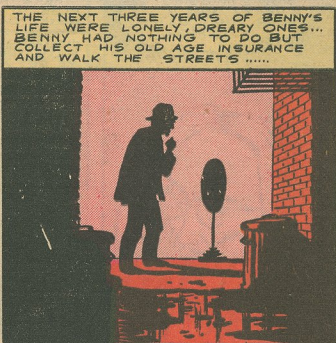
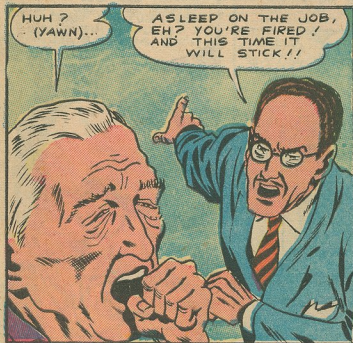
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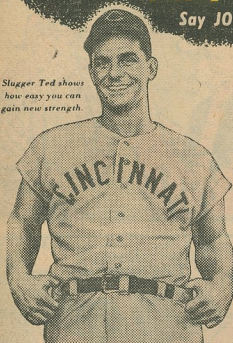
SOMETHING WENT OUT OF BENNY'S LIFE AFTER THAT.. THE NEW LATHE WAS NOTHING BUT A MECHANICAL MONSTER WITHOUT FEELING.... AN AUTO-MATION, A ROBOT.... BENNY HAD NOTHING TO DO BUT SIT AND WATCH...



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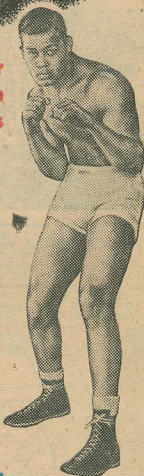
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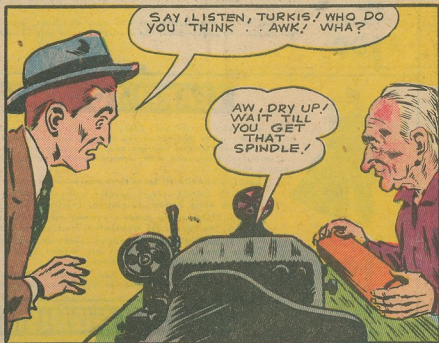
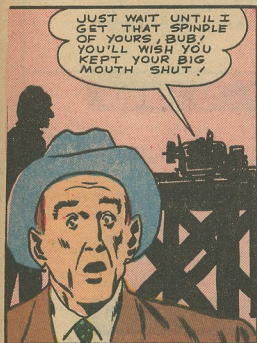
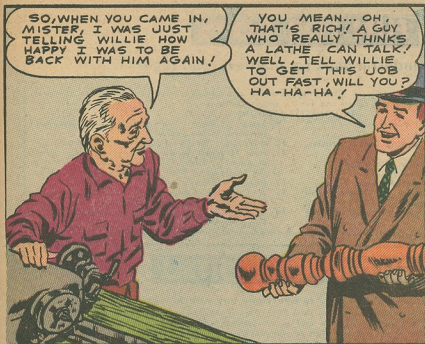
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